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NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23510-1096

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

October 17, 2003

Eastern Virginia Regulatory Section
98-4138-15

Mr. Larry L. Ichter, Chief
Transportation Design Division
Department of Public Works and
Environmental Services
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 449
Fairfax, Virginia 22035-0052



Mr. Ichter:

This letter is in reply to your letter dated September 30, 2003, concerning the proposed expansion of parking facilities for the Burke Centre VRE Station in Fairfax County, Virginia. You requested information from the Corps concerning the feasibility of using a wetland mitigation site as a possible site for a parking facility. The site in question was constructed by the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) as a condition of Department of the Army Permit Number 98-4138-15, which was issued on March 8, 1999 and authorized the placement of fill for the realignment and widening of Roberts Parkway.

Condition Number 4 of VDOT's permit states that wetlands on the wetland compensation site must be preserved in their natural condition in perpetuity. Therefore, VDOT was required not only to construct but also to protect the wetlands on the site. Furthermore, VDOT is in the process of developing deed restrictions for its mitigation sites, which will place an additional protection on the property in question.

Based on the above, the Corps does not at this time support the conversion of the property to a facility for parking or any other development activity.

Should you have any further questions regarding the Roberts Parkway mitigation site or the permit, please contact Alice Allen-Grimes at 757-441-7219.

Sincerely,

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